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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. JACK SCANLON IS VERY INTERESTED IN THE AVAILABILITY OF LAURA KENNEDY THIS SUMMER TO BE HIS EXECUTIVE OFFICER AT ICA. WE GATHER IDEA ARISES AT YOUR END WITH RAY BENSON. CAN YOU PUT US IN THE PICTURE? WE DO HAVE ONE TRAINEE IN RESERVE, PHOTENHAUER, WHO IS NOW PANELLED TO GARMISCH FOR SECOND YEAR OF TRAINING, BUT PERHAPS YOU SEE SOME OTHER POSSIBILITY FOR FREEING UP LAURA.

2. MRS. VANCE HAS ASKED FOR THE SPECIFIC TITLES OF THE PERFORMANCES SHE ATTENDED AT THE BOLSHOI. ONE WAS THE NUTCRACKER. WHAT WERE TITLES (AND AUTHORS/COMPOSERS) OF OTHER PERFORMANCES? LET US KNOW ASAP.

3. BELIEVE WE CAN CONSIDER BYRNES/MANDEL ARRANGEMENTS TO
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BE AGREED. WILL NEED TO CONTACT JUDY TO CONFIRM, BUT WE HAVE HAD HER PLANNING ON JUNE 1 ETA. JIM HENDERSON LEAVES JUNE 23, BUT HE IS WILLING TO MAKE HIMSELF AVAILABLE AFTER THAT DATE TO HELP SHAUN PICK UP THE JOB.

4. UNDERSTAND THAT A PER CHANNEL MESSAGE ABOUT BROWN'S TRANSFER REQUESTS OVERLAP WITH HIS SUCCESSOR. WE ARE

WORKING ON GERMAN'S TRANSFER FROM BONN AT EARLIEST DATE
POSSIBLE, BUT WE HAVE TO OVERCOME FACT THAT HE IS KEY
MAN FOR ECONOMIC SUMMIT (PRESIDENT INVOLVED) IN MID-JULY.
ALSO HE HAS AGED PARENTS WHOM HE NEEDS TO VISIT THIS
SUMMER. CONCEIVABLY HE COULD COME ON DIRECT TRANSFER TO
PERMIT AN OVERLAP, THEN GO ON HOME LEAVE, BUT I WONDER IF
THERE WOULD BE MUCH BENEFIT IN THAT. I HOPE TO HAVE SOME
ASPECTS OF THIS STRAIGHTENED OUT EARLY NEXT WEEK (INCLUD-
ING GERMAN'S FINAL AGREEMENT TO THE ASSIGNMENT, WHICH
HE IS DISCUSSING WITH HIS WIFE THIS WEEKEND) AND WILL BE
BACK IN TOUCH. VANCE

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